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Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 19 December 1951

25X1 PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Jackson, Wolf, Wisner, [ ] Becker. The DCI joined the meeting near its conclusion.

There was a brief discussion of the wording that should be recommended for the Bureau of the Budget letter to the DCI, respecting approval of CIA's budget. This discussion was called to the attention of the DCI after he joined the meeting and he expressed his views thereon. The DCI also indicated that CIA's request for next year's budget would be framed so as to ask for a smaller regular budget and a larger reserve contingency fund.

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Mr. Wisner referred to the first [ ] Log item and gave a bit more detail as to his talk with Mr. [ ] on the situation that had arisen in [ ].

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Mr. [ ] raised the question of whether the lunchroom in the basement of the Administration Building should not be activated as a means of getting together senior officials of CIA, including the various operating ADs. Mr. Wolf undertook to have this done.

At this point the DCI entered the meeting and informed Mr. Dulles that he did not plan to go to the White House on Friday so that either Mr. Dulles or Mr. Jackson would have to substitute for him.

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25X1        Mr. Wisner raised the question of the employment [redacted] as a consultant on matters relating to research and development. After a brief discussion, in which the capabilities [redacted] were commented on highly, the DCI approved the signing of such a contract.

25X1        Messrs. Dulles and Wisner called attention to a new Sam Berger Committee, with which CIA had no connection whatsoever. It was really a matter for PSB and Gordon Gray had already been alerted.

25X1        With respect to the Log item on the use of the polygraph [redacted] the DCI commented that State could handle the matter as it wished, but it seemed inappropriate to admit anything since that would only give the Russians more ammunition.

25X1        Mr. Jackson reported that the Brownell Committee would have its organization meeting on December 27 and that a draft of a letter of instructions had been prepared. There was a brief discussion of individuals who might assist the Committee in a staff capacity and it was felt that [redacted] should not serve the Committee and that [redacted] would be better. Mention was also made [redacted]

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25X1        Mr. Becker reported to the DCI the discussion respecting the Korean paper at the NSC Senior Staff yesterday.

25X1        Mr. [redacted] reported that the claims [redacted] which he had referred to several days ago, had now been finally settled on the basis of recommendations made by independent auditors.

25X1        The DCI recommended to Mr. [redacted] that in his capacity as Inspector General he should be available to anybody in the Agency who wished to talk to him, without restriction, for one or two afternoons per month and Mr. [redacted] undertook to make arrangements to that effect.

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